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EXAMINER:

Nguyen, Khiem D.

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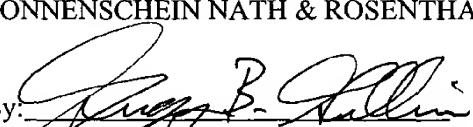
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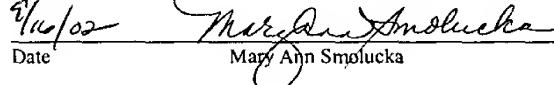
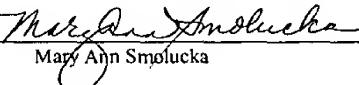
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT "A"**

The present amendment responds to the Non-final Office Action mailed June 14, 2002.

Claims 1 and 2 are pending in the present application. Applicant is amending the drawings and claim 1. Please reconsider the identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant believes that this Response has added no new matter.

**In The Drawings**

Applicant has amended Figures 4A-4D to include the legend --Prior Art--. Two sets of changed figures are included with this response. Each set includes a copy of the figure having changes marked in red and a clean copy of the figure incorporating the changes. The first set of the changed figures is for the Examiner and the second set along with a letter is intended for the draftsperson.